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HOMECOMING MOST SUCCESSFUL TO DATE

24-GAME SCHEDULE

Cage Squad Prepares For Tough Opponents

An ambitious 24-game basketball schedule for 1961-62 was announced recently by Athletic Director Jack Clayton and Dr. Guy W. Nesom, chairman of the Athletic Council.

In addition, the Demons will again play in the Gulf South Classic at Shreveport beginning December 27. Northwestern State will meet Hamline University of St. Paul, Minn., in their first game Thursday, Dec. 28, at 9:00 p. m. Other teams include defending champions University of South Carolina, Memphis State, Mississippi Southern, Murray (Ky.) State, Centenary College, and Louisiana Tech. The Demons were Gulf South champions in 1959.

A December road trip into Kentucky is a feature of the cage schedule. The Demons meet Murray State December 11, followed on consecutive evenings with games against Western Kentucky.

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Varied Program Attracts Usual Large Number of Former Students

Despite threatening weather, a record number of graduates and former students returned to the Northwestern State College campus in observance of the 68th annual Homecoming on Saturday, November 7.

Overhanging clouds lifted before noon; and a bright, crisp day contributed to the success of the 1961 Homecoming, which was attended by an estimated one thousand alumni.

"Northwestern: the Oldest State College With the Newest Ideas"—this theme was carried out in the day's program, which honored the classes of 1891, 1901, 1911, 1921, 1931, 1941, 1951, and the spring and summer graduates of 1961.

The only sour note of the day came when the Demons lost the annual Homecoming Football Game. This year's event pitted NSC against the surprisingly rugged Cowboys of McNeese State College of Lake Charles. The game ended in a 28-14 Cowboy victory.

Returning students were welcomed to the campus at a coffee and registration period held in Varnado Hall from 8:30 to 10 a. m. The homecoming parade left the campus on its downtown route at 10 a. m. Meetings of the members of the boards of directors of the Alumni Association and the NSC Foundations were held in the Alumni Office at 9:15 a. m. and 10:15 a. m., respectively.

Prior to the meeting of the Foundation board, the membership met and re-elected board members to serve another year. Foundation officers are C. O. Holland of Minden, president; Leslie Cowley of Shreveport, vice president; and J. W. Webb, Natchitoches, secretary-treasurer.

A special 11 a. m. ceremony honored the memory of a deceased member of the faculty, Prof. Francis Gary Fournet. The building formerly known as the Chemistry-Physics Building was re-dedicated Fournet Hall, honoring the former head of the NSC Department of Physical Science who died in April, 1961. Dr. Alan H. Crosby, head of the Department of Physical Science, presided at the ceremony, which featured a dedication address by President John S. Kyser, long-time friend of the late Mr. Fournet. The family response was made by Gary Fournet, son of the deceased professor.

Charles T. Hall of Shreveport, president of the Alumni Association, presided at the luncheon, which was attended by more than 300 in St. Denis Cafeteria. The luncheon program included the invocation by the Rev. Dudley Downing, a 1955 graduate, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church

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NEW ALUMNI OFFICERS elected at the annual homecoming at Northwestern State College, November 7, included (left to right) Erbon Wise of Sulphur, board member; Jack Gamble of Baton Rouge, vice-president; C. M. Lay of Natchitoches, president; Joe W. Webb of Natchitoches, secretary-treasurer; and Richard Clanton of Baton Rouge, board member.

SCENES FROM 1961 HOMECOMING

ATTENDING the re-noming of the Chemistry-Physics Building in honor of the lote Froncis G. Fournet, long-time head of the Science Deportment ot N. S. C., were the obove members of his fomily. Front row, left to right: Cotherine, Michelle, Stephonie, Cynthia, daughters of F. G. Fournet, Jr.; Second row: Gary Cunninghom, F. G. Fournet, Jr., Mrs. F. G. Fournet, Sr., Mrs. H. D. Griffith (Evelyn Fournet); Bock row: R. H. Outland, Jimmy Honchey, Sondro Cunninghom, Mrs. R. H. Outlond (Fronces Fournet), O. J. Honchey, Mrs. O. J. Honchey (Stephonie Fournet), H. D. Griffith, ond Mrs. F. G. Fournet, Jr. (Marilyn Delcourt). Not shown in the picture is onother daughter, Mrs. Fred Copuder (Corrine Fournet), who wos unoble to ottend.

C. O. HOLLAND, president of the Northwestern Stote College Foundotion, Mrs. John S. Kyser, Mrs. Melbo O'Quinn, ond Mrs. C. O. Holland.

MRS. LOULA MAY MERCER POOLE, of McDode, o member of the graduoting class of 1899; Mrs. Lucille Hendrick, '30, assistont Dean of Women; Mrs. L. J. Alleman, o member of the closs of 1900.

RECEIVING his nome-tog from pretty Purple Jocket Aline Mayes is A. A. Fredericks, a former President of Northwestern.

SEATED ot the toble honoring the closs of 1911 were (left to right) Mrs. Olive Gilmour DeCuir, '11; Mrs. Mory Poole Ducote, '14; (next lody not known); Mrs. Eorl Morris; Mrs. G. H. Pierson, Sr. (Ruth Willioms), '11; Miss Ora Hyoms, '11; ond Mrs. B. S. Swett (Edwina Reodhimer, '11).

OFFICERS of the Northwest Louisiana NSC Alumni Club who will be serving during the 1961-62 year are, left to right, Dr. T. C. Pullen, president; Robert Kelly, first vice-president; and Buddy Patterson, second vice-president. Not pictured is Hubert Lawrence, secretary.

Northwest La. Club Holds Banquet Meeting

The Northwest Louisiana N. S. C. Alumni Club held its annual banquet at Pedro's Restaurant October 20 with an estimated 85 alumni and friends attending.

Gayle Colgin, president, presided at the affair, which is held prior to the State Fair football game between Northwestern State College and Louisiana Tech each year. Special guests at the banquet were Miss Leah Storey, NSC State Fair Queen; and Roland McKneely, president of the NSC student body.

Officers were elected for the coming year, and five honorary memberships were awarded. New officers will be: Dr. T. C. Pullen, president; Robert Kelly, first vice-president; Buddy Patterson, second vice-president; and Hubert Lawrence, secretary. Colgin conferred honorary memberships on Taylor O'Hearn, H. L. Bradford, John Edgar, NSC President John S. Kyser, and L. C. Cathey, Sr. Bob Wilson was awarded a special "Outstanding Alumnus" award in recognition of his work for the Club over the past three years.

L. C. Cathey, Jr., and Miss Carolyn Fultz, both of Shreveport, were named board members-at-large, and S. M. Shows was appointed DeSoto Parish representative.

Special speakers of the evening were: John Edgar; Joe W. Webb, Alumni Association secretary; Coach Jack Clayton; Clayton Cornish, Bamfad president; and President Kyser, who gave his annual report to the group on the progress and outlook at Northwestern.

Cupid's Doings

In St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Aug. 17, Miss LYNN STEPHENS, BS in Nursing '54, and Dr. Peter J. Montemarano were united in marriage. They are now in Fort Bliss, Texas, where the bridegroom expects to be stationed for the next two years.

Living in Baton Rouge are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ranier, following their marriage Aug. 19 at the First Methodist Church of West Monroe. She is the former Miss KATHERINE SUE WEIR, BA '60.

James Aswell Bankston and his bride, the former Miss BOBBIE NELL GATLIN, BA '61, will go to Knoxville in the spring where he will enter the dental school at the University of Tennessee.

Willis Obra Pickering, Jr., claimed Miss PATRICIA ANN McGRAW, BA '61, as his bride in a ceremony at Holy Rosary Catholic Church Aug. 19. The couple live in Shreveport, where the bride is a teacher at Byrd High School.

The marriage of Miss JEANNE ANDREPONT, BS '60, and Sammy Essmeier, student, took place Aug. 26 in St. Augustine Catholic Church in Basile. They live in Natchitoches, and Sammy is a candidate for graduation in January.

Miss Myrtle Anne Elliott became the bride of HENRY CLAY DETHLOFF, MA '60, on Sunday, Aug. 27.

ALEXANDRIA Unit officers, who were elected at a meeting on September 28, are, left to right: W. L. Tanner, president; Mrs. John Peach, secretary-treasurer; and Charles R. Dupuy, vice-president.

CENLA UNIT MEETS; OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

A re-organizational meeting of the Alexandria Unit of the NSC Alumni Association was held at Herbie K's Restaurant Sept. 28, for the purpose of electing officers and outlining definite objectives to be achieved during the year. The meeting was presided over by Travis Funderburk.

Dr. John S. Keyser was the featured speaker, and Coach Jack Clayton discussed the football prospects at NSC for the '61 season.

The following officers were selected: President, W. L. Tanner, '10, Principal, Cheneyville High School; Vice-President, Charles R. Dupuy, '40, District Manager, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. John Peach, MEd., '56, Supervisor, Special Education and Adult Education for Rapides Parish Schools.

The above officers were elected at the annual fall meeting of the Baton Rouge Unit of the NSC Alumni Association. A very enthusiastic crowd of about 75 people attended. Reading from left to right are: President, Clinton R. Dabson; Secretary, Mrs. Corinne G. Morris; and Vice-President, Malcolm McSween.

Old Grads getting together prior to the Baton Rouge Alumni Unit meeting were: Y. L. Fontenot, '09; P. C. Rogers, '07; Mrs. P. C. Rogers (Frances Ida "Frankie" Jones), '08 and '24; John M. Foote, '04; Mrs. John M. Foote (May Palmer,'04).

NSC Demon Grid Squad Completes Successful Season With 7-3 Record

Although losing three of their last four games, the Northwestern State College football team completed a successful 1961 season with a record of seven wins and three losses, tying for third place in the Gulf States Conference.

Wins were over Stephen F. Austin, Mexico Poly, Louisiana College, Northeast, the University of Corpus Christi, Louisiana Tech, and the University of Southwestern Louisiana. Losses were to the University of Arkansas, McNeese State, and Southeastern Louisiana College.

The Demons piled up 249 points against 156 for their opponents. The 1960 team had a 3-6 record and scored but 82 points.

Undefeated in six games, the Demons lost to the powerful Arkansas Razorbacks at Little Rock before 43,500 fans. Playing their poorest game of the season for Homecoming, the team lost to McNeese 28-14. A 27-14 win over the Southwestern Bulldogs provided an opportunity for the Demons to meet Southeastern in the final game for a share of the GSC title. But the Lions, ranked fourth in the nation, were too much for the Demons, who fell 19-0.

Eight seniors completed their playing careers against Southeastern. They are quarterback Dickie Rogers, halfbacks Jimmy Aldredge and Troy Burch, fullback J. M. Maricelli, guard Bob Martin, and tackles Ferrell Yarbrough, Octave Bernard, and Wayne Earp.

Playing three units in each game, averaging some 38 players in action, the Demons provided experience for many squad members who will return next season. Coach Jack Clayton, throughout the season, has insisted that his squad was one season away from its top potential.

All that remains now is the familiar chant of all football teams finishing under the leaders—"Wait until next year!"

BASKETBALL—

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Kentucky Wesleyan, and Eastern Kentucky.

The remainder of the schedule pits the Demon cagers against Gulf States Conference opponents, and Mississippi College, Stephen F. Austin, Centenary, Nicholls State and Louisiana College.

The 1961-62 Schedule

Dec. 2	Mississippi College	T
Dec. 8	Mississippi College	H
Dec. 11	Murray State College	T
Dec. 12	Western Kentucky St.	T
Dec. 14	Eastern Kentucky St	T
Dec. 19	Stephen F. Austin	H
Dec. 28-30	Gulf South Classic .... Shreveport	
Jan. 2	Stephen F. Austin	T
Jan. 4	University of SW La.	H
Jan. 6	Centenary College	H
Jan. 8	Louisiana Tech	T
Jan. 12	Southeastern La. Col	H
Jan. 16	Northeast La. State	H
Jan. 20	Louisiana College	H
Jan. 26	McNeese State College	T
Jan. 27	Nicholls State College	T
Feb. 2	University of SW. La.	T
Feb. 6	McNeese State College	H
Feb. 7	Nicholls State College	H
Feb. 9	Louisiana Tech	H
Feb. 14	Centenary College	T
Feb. 16	Southeastern La. Col.	T
Feb. 20	Northeast La. State	T
Feb. 22	Louisiana College	T

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LEONARD W. KING, BS '60, is employed as a claims examiner with the Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, Social Security Administration, in New Orleans.

C. O. HOLLAND, a two-year graduate of 1913, was the principal speaker at the annual Natchitoches Parish Chamber of Commerce meeting recently.

Mrs. John Spence (ALPHA LEAH GREMILLION), BS in Nursing, '56, informs us that she and her husband have three fine children and live in Portsmouth, Va., where her husband is on the staff at the U. S. Naval Hospital.

Mrs. J. Mallory Grace (EVELYN WILLIAMS, '33), is teaching at Leon Godchaux High School, Reserve, La.

MISS LENA COSTA, '30, has asked to be placed on ALUMNI COLUMNS mailing list. She teaches in Jefferson Parish.

FRANCIS G. BRYAN ("Bits"), 39, is employed by Tower Exploration, Inc., in Englewood, Colo. Francis is interested in hearing from Alumni in the Colorado-Wyoming area.

In appropriate ceremonies at Headquarters, 4th Missile Battalion (Nike-Hercules), 562nd Artillery, Duncanville AFS, Texas, 1ST/LT. JIM HAMMONS was given a "Suggestion Award Certificate" by Lt. Gen. Robert J. Wood during a recent Chief of Staff Army-wide Suggestion Program. Lt. Hammons' wife is the former Jerelyn Ann Cook, nursing student at NSC in '58 and '59.

HOWARD ATES, '33, is employed by the U. S. Civil Service as an accountant in Oklahoma City.

GEORGE GRAVES, '48, and his wife, the former JO ANN HARRINGTON, '49, with their three children, are living at 1533 Bracher St., Houston 24, Texas.

JERRY DIDIER, '61, is in training at a Cities Service Station at 3609 Youree Drive, Shreveport.

ROBERT E. DORCHEUS, of Houston, assistant to the Wage and Salary Administration division of Conoco, has been promoted to division director. Dorcheus received his degree from NSC in '48, and was a high school teacher for five years at Abbeville and Lake Charles before joining Conoco.

HOMECOMING—

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of Gretna; welcome by E. E. Dees of Vowell's Mills; a message from President Kyser; and the usual business session.

Officers elected for the coming year included: O. M. Lay of Natchitoches, president; Jack Gamble of Baton Rouge, vice president; J. W. Webb, re-elected secretary-treasurer. Association board members elected were: Erbon Wise of Sulphur, fifth district, and Richard Clanton of Baton Rouge, district seven.

Main event in the pre-game activities, which were begun at 1:30 p. m., was the presentation of the 1961 Homecoming Queen, Peggy Swor of Shreveport, and members of the homecoming court. The court was composed of Peggy Watson, Pollock; Leah Storey, Monterey; Thellie Levee, Tallulah; Sammye Sanford, Ville Platte; Marsha Pratt, Bossier City; Dolores Smith, Church Point; and Martha Shray, New Iberia.

Assisting in the presentation, which was followed by a welcome from out-going Alumni President Hall, were the NSC Demon band, the Demonettes, and the Black Knights, precision ROTC drill squad.

Also presented in the pre-game activities were the winning floats, which were displayed for review on the track; and announcement of winning dormitory decorations was made.

Dormitory winners were: first place, East and West Caddo Hall, $25; second, Rebel Hall, $15; third, Agnes Morris, $10; and honorable mentions went to South Hall and Audubon Hall.

Winners in the float contest were: first place, ROTC, $75; second, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Epsilon Alpha, $50; third, Baptist Student Union, $35; fourth, Westminster Fellowship, $25; and fifth, Alpha Gamma Delta, $15.

Half-time entertainment was provided by the Demon Band, the Demonettes, and the McNeese State band. An after-the-game meeting of the "N" Club graduates was held at the Natchitoches VFW Hall; open houses were held by sororities and fraternities; and the annual Homecoming Dance, held in the Student Center from 8 p. m. until midnight concluded the homecoming program.

LC Alumni Group Holds Dinner Meet

The annual dinner meeting of the Lake Charles Unit of the Alumni Association was held in the cafeteria of Rosteet Junior High School on October 25 with approximately 75 Alumni present.

C. M. McSwain, unit president, presided at the meeting, at which President John S. Kyser was featured speaker. Also attending from Northwestern were Secretary Joe W. Webb, Dean of Administration Sylvan W. Nelken, and Thomas L. Hennigan, director of audio-visual service.

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